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Dear Dick:

I want to add a few personal words to the enclosed report from Larry as to events here.

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First, I would like to explain that my decision to return to [REDACTED] at the conclusion of my agreed temporary tour of duty with the Agency was dictated solely by personal considerations and does not reflect any change whatsoever in the role or mission of ORR or in the abundant support which it continues to receive from the General, Mr. Dulles, and the rest of the organization. My decision to depart was taken with the utmost reluctance and in the face of my judgment that the prospects for satisfying work in ORR are better now than they have ever been and much better than in any other Government agency with which I have ever been connected.

I feel personally chagrined at having let you down by not keeping you in closer touch with what was going on here. The role and possible functions of a [REDACTED] has, as Larry explains, been the subject of almost constant discussion and negotiation here and the exchange of a good many cables with [REDACTED]. We should have reported each step in this process to you, but we were continually in the state of anticipating receipt within a few hours of a cable which might change the picture quite radically.

As explained in the attached, the present plan is to send several people over from here and attach them to different existing units in [REDACTED]. We have thought, for instance, of taking two or three people to serve with the [REDACTED] one with [REDACTED] and one more at [REDACTED]. We have proposed to [REDACTED] a forestry expert with general agricultural background, should join you shortly at [REDACTED].

We would be very much interested indeed in any recommendations you have either as to where people should be attached or as to what technical backgrounds are most urgently needed to improve exploitation in [REDACTED] for our purposes. It has been agreed in principle that although our representatives would be administratively attached to various field units they will have free communication with us and will be in a position to take considerable substantive guidance from ORR, Washington.

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What is your own estimate of how much longer you can be useful and productive over there? It is difficult from this end to know whether we are making the best use of your talents there at the moment and we would appreciate any ideas you have on the subject.

I expect I shall be popping in and out for some time to come, but in case I should not have another occasion to say this, I want to tell you how much I have appreciated having you on my staff during my CIA connection. You were one of the small band at the nucleus of what is gradually becoming a pretty big and sprawling organization, without whose loyal efforts in those confused early stages we would not have made anything like the progress we have. Your part in that progress will not be forgotten, even though you may in your present lonely and distant spot get the impression that it has been.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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